

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 781

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Ms. April Michelle Sullivan, 2000  
Salutatorian of Gatlinburg-Pittman High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, April Sullivan is one such exceptional student who was recently named salutatorian of the 2000 graduating class at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, April has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, April Sullivan has earned an exemplary 3.98 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, a talented artist possessing a rare artistic talent, Ms. Sullivan has been the recipient of countless awards, cash prizes, and scholarships for her amazing paintings and drawings, including winning the Silver Key and Honorable Mention in the East Tennessee Scholastic Art Awards and obtaining a \$200 scholarship for the Gatlinburg Rotary Club Art Scholarship for Arrowmont Summer Classes; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her exceptional talent, April Sullivan participated in the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts, served as an assistant at Adventures in Art, sold art work at the Music and Arts Festival, and did a product demonstration at Wal-Mart for Jergens, in addition to selling commissioned works and original art work to individuals; and

WHEREAS, April has demonstrated tremendous leadership ability as president of her chapter's Future Homemakers of America and as a teen leader at the 4-H Junior Summer Camp, the 4-H Junior Officer Training Workshop, the 4-H Lead and Learn Training Workshop, the 4-H EFNEP Camp, and the 4-H Lead and Learn Wacky Science Camp at the Sevierville Boys and Girls Club, in the Pigeon Forge Afterschool Care, New Center Summer School; and

WHEREAS, a natural athlete, April has been an integral member of her school's volleyball, basketball, and swim teams, in addition to capturing third place in the girls' discus competition at the Tennessee State Junior Classical League Olympika; and

WHEREAS, April's academic excellence has been duly noted with the receipt of numerous academic awards, including honorable merit for the National Latin Exam, the Honors Biology I Academic Award, the Honors English I Academic Award, the Family Consumer Science I Academic Award, placed third in the individual 4-H District Clothing Judging Team, was elected as a Tennessee State 4-H Congress Senator, and was inducted in the Tennessee State 4-H Honor Club and Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, April's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, April Sullivan has selflessly donated her time and talents to many noteworthy causes, including picking up trash and volunteering child care services at parent-teacher conferences for Future Homemakers of America, picking up trash and building squirrel houses for Wildlife Habitat on behalf of 4-H, contributing coats to her school's coat drive, working at the Sevier County Food Ministry's canned food drives, sorting Junior 4-H project books, volunteering at Arrowmont School for Arts and Crafts, and tutoring her fellow classmates in English I; and

WHEREAS, April Sullivan's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her mother, Elizabeth Sullivan, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, April Sullivan's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Salutatorian, Ms. April Michelle Sullivan, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.